

Friends of the World of Bede

Charity Number: 1168975

Trustees' Annual Report and Financial Statements for the Period 1st April 2023 to 31st March 2024

January 2025

Charity name:

Other names charity is known by: Friends of the World of Bede

Charity number: 1168975

Charity's operating address: 2 Chapel Mews, Gilesgate, Durham
Postcode DH1 1WB

Names of the Charity Trustees who Manage the Charity

	<i>Trustee Name</i>	<i>Office (if any)</i>	<i>Appointed</i>	<i>Retired</i>
1	Eric Cambridge	Chairperson	2 nd July 2022	
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2	Gillian Wilson	Vice Chairperson	14 th July 2018	22 nd September 2024
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3	Brian Freeman	Joint Secretary	12 th March 2016	
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4	Claudine Freeman	Joint Secretary	12 th March 2016	
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5	Rachel Webb	Membership Secretary	15 th July 2017	
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6	Shirley Johnson	Treasurer	9 th February 2019	22 nd July 2023
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7	Christopher Carr	Treasurer	22 nd July 2023	
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Names of Trustees for the Charity

	<i>Trustee Name</i>	<i>Dates acted, if not for whole year</i>
1	Belinda Burke	
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2	Gillian Boughton-Willmore	
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3	Shirley Johnson	
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Names & Addresses of Advisors *(Delete rows which are not relevant)*

	<i>Name</i>	<i>Address & Postcode</i>
Bank:	Barclays Bank	53 Fawcett Street, Sunderland, SR1 1RS
Financial Advisor:	Ralph Thoburn	Prime Accountancy Group Ltd., 2 Defender Court, Sunderland, SR5 3PE

Structure, Governance & Management

Description of the Charity's Trusts

Type of Governing Document: Constitution

How the Charity is Constituted: Charitable Incorporated Organisation

Objectives & Activities

Summary of the Objects of the Charity as set out in its Governing Document.

The objective of the Friends of the World of Bede is to advance the education of the public in the life, work and times of the Venerable Bede, primarily by supporting and assisting the charitable work of the Bede Museum at Jarrow, but also through its own activities away from the Bede Museum at locations with historical links to the Venerable Bede and Anglo Saxon Britain more generally.

Summary of the Main Activities Undertaken for the Public Benefit in Relation to the Charity's Objects.

The Charity continued to liaise on a regular basis with representatives from Jarrow Hall, the arm of Groundwork that is responsible for the day to day running of the Bede Museum. These discussions included matters such as the interior design of an Anglo-Saxon replica building that was being renovated. Changes to the layout of the Museum's displays was a topic also addressed.

The Charity played a significant role in planning and preparing for a major exhibition at the Bede Museum commemorating the life and achievements of the founder of the Museum, the late Dame Professor Rosemary Cramp, the renowned academic who from 1963 until 1978 ran the archaeological excavations of the medieval monastery at Jarrow where Bede lived and wrote works of such great historical importance. The Charity worked closely with the staff of the Bede Museum in arranging the physical and written contents of the exhibition. The Exhibition opened in May 2024.

In September 2024 the Charity presented the bespoke replica Anglo-Saxon sword which it had commissioned to the Bede Museum. On the same occasion it held a study day devoted to new perspectives on the Sword in Anglo-Saxon England, which comprised three public lectures and a demonstration by a re-enactment group of Anglo-Saxon combat techniques.

In October and November 2024 the Charity held a series of three public lectures to celebrate the 950th anniversary of the re-foundation of the monastery at Jarrow in 1074.

In September 2024 the Charity organised a tour of the archaeological dig at Lindisfarne Priory, presented by the archaeologist in charge of the excavation, Dr. David Petts. The Charity continued to sponsor one of the archaeologists working at the dig.

The Friends of the World of Bede continued to liaise with and advise Groundwork on the best means of achieving greater recognition of the importance of the Bede Museum in promoting knowledge of the Anglo Saxon history of the North East of England and in publicising the academic significance of its collection.

The Charity held discussions with Groundwork regarding a new arrangement for it to have formal input into Groundwork's decisions regarding the Bede Museum's collection, academic standing and future general direction.

Financial Review

Brief Statement of the Charity's Policy on Reserves

The Trustees reserve policy is to retain at least six months normal expenditure in reserve. On this basis the Charity has sufficient reserves to meet this requirement.

Statutory Notes to the Accounts

The Charity's income for the period is £785. Consequently, the charity has decided not to face the expenditure of having the 2024 accounts examined by an Independent Examiner, as required for CIOs with an annual income of £25,000 or more.

Statutory Declaration

The trustees declare that they have complied with their duty to have due regard to the guidance on public benefit published by the commission in exercising their powers or duties.

The Trustees declare that they have approved the Trustees' Report above.

Signed on behalf of the Charity's Trustees

Signature(s):



Full Name(s): BRIAN ANDREW FREEMAN

Position(s): JOINT SECRETARY

Date:

19th January 2025



CHARITY COMMISSION
FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Charity Name

Friends of the World of Bede

Receipts and payments account

For the period
from

Period start date

1.4.20

To

Section A Receipts and payments

	Unrestricted funds	Restricted funds	Endowment funds
	to the nearest £	to the nearest £	to the nearest £
A1 Receipts			
Subscriptions	381	-	-
Booklet Sales	-	-	-
Interest Received	-	-	-
Donations	-	-	-
	-	-	-
	-	-	-
	-	-	-
	-	-	-
Sub total (Gross income for AR)	381	-	-
A2 Asset and investment sales, (see table).			
	-	-	-
	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-
Total receipts	381	-	-
A3 Payments			
Postage	-	-	-
Bank charges	358	-	-
British Library Trip	-	-	-
Catering	-	-	-
Trolley	-	-	-
Groundwork - Membership	-	-	-
	-	-	-
	-	-	-
	-	-	-
Sub total	358	-	-
A4 Asset and investment purchases, (see table)			
	-	-	-
	-	-	-
Sub total	-	-	-
Total payments	358	-	-

No (if any)
1168975

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Period end date
31.3.21

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Total funds	Last year
to the nearest £	to the nearest £
381	660
-	90
-	-
-	-
-	-
-	-
-	-
-	-
381	750
-	-
-	-
-	-
381	750
-	8
358	431
-	36
-	274
-	302
-	240
-	-
-	-
-	-
358	1,291
-	-
-	-
-	-
358	1,291

B5 Liabilities

Details

Fund to which liability relates

Amount due (optional)

-
-
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When due (optional)

Signed by one or two trustees on behalf of all the trustees

Signature

<i>Brian A Freeman</i>
<i>Charron T. Carr</i>

Print Name

Brian A Freeman
C Carr

Date of approval

21-08-27
31/08/24